

Proper training and techniques keep crews competent and professional when conducting ice rescues.

Using the latest technology and equipment give the rescuers confidence.

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I - Intelligence

C - Clothing

E - Equipment

Intelligence - When a person is getting ready to go out on the ice they should obtain weather reports, research ice conditions and identify the nearest rescue assets.

Clothing - People going on ice should wear appropriate clothing that can help save them if they break through the ice.

Equipment - When on the ice a marine band radio, cell phone, flares, ice picks, etc. will aid in a rescue or can assist someone else.





International Ice Symposium Feb. 7-10, 2006



Ice. A Clear Solid Risk

The Ninth Coast Guard
District encompasses all
five Great Lakes and a large
portion of our nation's
northern maritime border.



The Coast Guard hosted an Ice Symposium in Feb. 2004 in Bay City, MI to address safe operations on the ice.



Policies and procedures were standardized and programs were established for operating safely on the ice.

Vendors display the latest equipment to conduct operations on the ice.



Personnel from the Ninth
Coast Guard District,
Canadian Search and
Rescue and law
enforcement agencies were
in attendance at the 2004
Symposium.



Symposium Agenda

Feb. 7

- Ice operations policy
- Training programs
- Protective equipment overview

Feb. 8

- Hypothermia
 Dr. Alan M. Steinman
- Agency presentations

Feb. 9

- Vendor presentations
- On ice demonstrations

